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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

REDACTED

CHAD WINSTON VANATTA,

REDACTED

REDACTED

, and

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

Vio.: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(A)(vi), (viii), 846
Conspiracy to Distribute 50
Grams or More of Actual (Pure)
Methamphetamine and 400
Grams or more of Fentanyl
(Count 1)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)
Distribution of Fentanyl
(Count 2)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(B)(vi)
Distribution of 40 Grams or more
of Fentanyl
(Count 3)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(B)(viii)
Distribution of 5 Grams or More
of Actual (Pure)
Methamphetamine
(Counts 4-6)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(A)(viii)
Distribution of 50 Grams or More
of Actual (Pure)
Methamphetamine
(Counts 7-9)

21 U.S.C. § 853
Forfeiture Allegations

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT 1

Beginning on a date unknown, but by January 3, 2023, and continuing until on or about April 18, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington and elsewhere, the Defendants, **REDACTED**,
REDACTED,
CHAD WINSTON VANATTA, **REDACTED**, and other individuals, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate and agree together with each other to commit the following offense: distribution of 50 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine and distribution of 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (a/k/a fentanyl), all Schedule II controlled substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi), (viii), 846.

COUNT 2

On or about January 3, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, CHAD WINSTON VANATTA, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-

1 [1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide (a/k/a fentanyl), a Schedule II
2 controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C).

3 COUNT 3

4 On or about January 19, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the
5 Defendant, **REDACTED**, did knowingly and intentionally distribute 40
6 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable detectable amount
7 of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide (a/k/a fentanyl), a
8 Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
9 (b)(1)(B)(vi).

10 COUNT 4

11 On or about January 25, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the
12 Defendant, **REDACTED** did knowingly and
13 intentionally distribute 5 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a
14 Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
15 (b)(1)(B)(viii).

16 COUNT 5

17 On or about February 16, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the
18 Defendant, CHAD WINSTON VANATTA, did knowingly and intentionally
19 distribute 5 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a Schedule II
20 controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii).

21 COUNT 6

22 On or about February 27, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the
23 Defendant, **REDACTED**, did knowingly and intentionally distribute 5
24 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled
25 substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii).

COUNT 7

On or about March 7, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendants, **REDACTED** did knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii), 18 U.S.C. § 2.

COUNT 8

On or about March 14, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, CHAD WINSTON VANATTA, did knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT 9

On or about March 22, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, **REDACTED** did knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii).

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

The allegations contained in this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, upon conviction of an offense in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), as charged in this Indictment, the Defendants, **REDACTED**

REDACTED CHAD WINSTON VANATTA, **REDACTED**, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained,

1 directly or indirectly, as the result of such offenses and any property used or
2 intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the
3 commission of the offenses.

4 If any forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the
5 Defendants:

- 6 (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
7 (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
8 (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
9 (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
10 (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided
11 without difficulty,
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13 the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property
14 pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).

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16 DATED this ____ day of April, 2023.

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18 A TRUE BILL

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21 Foreperson

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23 Vanessa R. Waldref
24 United States Attorney

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26 Richard R. Barker
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